

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	October 11, 2004
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Present: Bill Reisinger, Nawal Stanojevic, Rene Briones, Kayci Nguyen, Fred Zeise
Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva
- Absent: Larry Litchford, Miljon Buqing
- Quorum was established.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chair Bill Reisinger announced the Art and Wine Festival was very successful. Many bikes were parked.
- Commissioner Nguyen arrives 7:07pm*
- Commissioner Stanojevic stated there was a crooked sidewalk and asked whom to contact in regards repair. Staff Mike McNeely stated to contact Public Works at 586-2700.
- Commissioner Stanojevic also asked the status on the levee work on Berryessa Creek. McNeely stated this bridge construction should be complete within a couple of weeks. This trail will go from Hillview to Abel. It should be open by early 2005.
- Commissioner Nguyen said she and Chair Reisinger volunteered on Walk to School Day at October 6 and passed out stickers and flashing blinkers at Pomeroy Elementary school. There were a lot of students participating. It was a fun event.
- Staff Janice Nadal announced the last Ethics Training workshop on October 20, 2004 at 7 pm, City Hall. This is a mandatory training for all commission members.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** MOTION to approve the October 11, 2004 agenda
- M/S: Stanojevic/Briones All Ayes
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** MOTION to approve the minutes of August 9, 2004, with changes
- M/S: Briones/Stanojevic All Ayes
- VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM** Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone
Rob Means discussed requesting future agenda to discuss personal rapid

transit. Chair Reisinger told Mr. Means Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) would be on the December agenda.

Commissioner Zeise arrives 7:04pm

VII. TOPICS

Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Piedmont Road Bicycle Lane Closure

Mr. McNeely distributed a letter that was distributed to residents from the State. Construction will be through December 2004. Movement has been made on the main water line that feeds the south bay from the State Water project. The circular pipeline has become elliptical from the movement of the earth in the Lee's Orchard area. The State will replace the 600-foot long stretch of pipe. It also requires the source of water that comes into the south bay be shut down through the end of the year. The water goes up to the Penitencia Water Treatment plant in San Jose. Water will be obtained from other sources during that time. Pipes and stabilization structure will be inputted.

Chair Reisinger has cycled through the area and there is plenty of room to travel.

Union Pacific (UP) Pedestrian Overcrossing Update

Mr. McNeely distributed handouts. The alternatives that were researched from the beginning of the projects were reviewed. The alternatives begin from north to south. The most southerly option in blue is the most preferred option to carry forth. This alternative is the most acceptable to the stakeholders, which include the Great Mall of the Bay Area, Solelectron, Lifescan/Bedford Properties. All alternatives will be addressed in an environmental document. Where it crosses the railroad track, a pedestrian stairway (not ADA accessible) may cut down 2000-foot walk to 1200 walk.

Mr. McNeely reviewed funding for the project as illustrated on the second page of the handout. The last column on the right states that City Funds total is TBD but close to \$1million. Staff is struggling with finding the funds and the cost-benefits of the project. This cost was not estimated at the beginning of the project. Through alternative analysis is where the actual figures were determined.

Chair Reisinger asked what's happening North of Curtis. Mr. McNeely stated Parc North is being built. Chair Reisinger asked if there are any development fees to put towards this project. Mr. McNeely stated the fees were used towards a small park that is being built in that area. Staff is proceeding with the environmental process, but staff will have to commit the 20% to satisfy the grant requirements. The cut off date before we lose the grant (Zeise). The VTA (Mike) is not clear if there is a date, but it is clear that we have to have this project in our CIP. Commissioner Zeise asked if there is something that could be spread out over time. Mr. McNeely said that if a project is awarded, you have to commit to completion by a certain time.

Council has approved to proceed with the environmental to satisfy the grant

requirements.

Chair Reisinger asked McNeely to come back in December to report. Staff will report back.

Joint Milpitas/Fremont Bicycle Projects- Hetch Hetchy bicycle/ped trail and Fremont Blvd./trail connection to Dixon Landing Road

Ms. Nadal stated she emailed the information prior to this meeting. Bill Reisinger will be attending the October 20th and will express Milpitas' interests in pursuing the continuation of the Hetch Hetchy Pedestrian path and connection with Fremont and McCarthy Blvd.

Report on Safety

There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.

Chair Reisinger opened to the commission members the opportunity to discuss safety issues within the City

Commissioner Stanojevic mentioned orange chalk on the sidewalk near Parvin and Singley Drive.

Commissioner Briones mentioned a pedestrian crossing at Montague and McCandless. This was discussed last year before former staff liaison Arlene Deleon left. Bicycles are not sensed at the stoplights.

Commissioner Briones feels we should do something about helmet safety. Chair Reisinger said he saw only one child on WTSD bike and he had a helmet. Chair Reisinger said an outreach possibly through the crossing guards, like incentives like In & Out Burger coupons or some type of information to pursue.

REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS

BIKE MAP ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE UPDATE

Ms. Nadal updated that Alan Rich, Geographic Information Services Manager, with the City's Information Services Department, was unable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment, but he did report that the bicycle map should be on the website will be available by December.

Chair asked to have this on the next agenda.

Suggested Routes to School/International Walk to School Day

Ms. Nadal reported on International Walk to School Day, October 6, 2004. The event was successful and fun. Staff provided a Walkability Checklist to all the students and will share the data with city departments to make community improvements as necessary. Chair Reisinger requested when the information is available to report on the data received.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Future Bicycle Education Outreach Projects

The group will pursue helmet safety and possible videos to place on the City TV channel.

Commission Members

Chair Reisinger stated that previous commissioner Eugene Simmons is available to come back on if we need any alternatives. Mr. Simmons has submitted an application. Chair Reisinger questioned if there are by-laws that state the number of meetings you can be absent? If he misses the next one, Chair says to send a letter. Chair would like to have copies to send to all commission members.

Ms. Nadal will forward all commission members email addresses to the commission.

Commissioner Briones would like to agendize to explore/expand the commission title since the commission discuss beyond bicycling and encompasses non-motorized transportation. Commissioner Zeise questioned if there is another commission besides the planning commission that handles transportation. Commissioner Zeise asked if there is a lack of coverage between commissions that studies pedestrian safety. Ms. Nadal mentioned the Transportation Subcommittee, which includes the Mayor and Vice-Mayor along with staff, encompasses all transportation related issues. The meetings are the last Thursday of the month and open to the public.

Commissioner Briones would like to check bylaws and see if expanding the title is possible

Agendize for next meeting BTAC by-laws and discuss revising.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Briones All Ayes

ASSIGNMENT SHEET

Vice-Mayor Dixon

No Assignments

Chair Reisinger

No Assignments

**Janice Nadal/
Joe Oliva:**

Forward By-Laws and Commission email addresses to all members